## Rare Breeds Ranch Anatolians

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## **Puppy Questionnaire**

In order to determine placement of puppies, please answer the following questions and return the form to us. We do not collect a deposit, because we won't know if we will have a puppy which will be suitable for your situation, until the litter is evaluated and temperament-tested. A Sales Contract and Health Guarantee will be sent to you, if a puppy can be matched to your home.

- 1. Why do you want an Anatolian?
- 2. Do you prefer a male or female puppy?
  (NOTE: Temperament is our first priority in placing a puppy)?
- 3. What type of Anatolian are you looking for (Companion\*, Service\*, Working\*, Show\*\*)? (\* Spay/Neuter is required).
  - \*\* We do not sell breeding stock, however, we have sold select dogs to buyers who desired to show their dog in American Kennel Club (AKC) sanctioned conformation shows. AKC rules require that these animals not be altered (spayed/neutered). A Show Modification to our standard No-Breed Sales Contract, does not authorize the puppy to be bred.
- 4. How did you decide on an Anatolian?
- 5. Will the Anatolian be raised with livestock?
- 6. Do you have any other pets (if so, what kind)?
- 7. Do you raise or breed any other types of animals (if so, what kind)?

Anatolians require a well-fenced area, with plenty of room. Anatolians are guard dogs and will guard as far as they can see. Your fencing must be a minimum of 5 feet in height. Installation of a hot-wire, is also recommended.

- 8. What type and height fencing do you have?
- 9. Please tell us about your operation. Include:
  - Do you own or rent?
  - Are there restrictions on large dogs in your area?
  - The size and layout of your property?
  - How close are your closest neighbors?
  - Will they be bothered by barking dogs? \*\* (See Comments below)
  - The number of people who will be interacting with your dog (adults, children and visitors)?
  - Will the dog be kept with livestock (in a field, in a barn)?
  - Will the dog be a family guardian?
  - How much land will the dog be protecting?
  - Where will the dog be kept (day and night)?
  - Any other comments that might help us select the right puppy for you.

- \*\* Anatolians are primarily livestock guardians. As such, they are more nocturnal than are other breeds. Also, their first warning to potential predators is a loud, aggressive bark. This cannot be "trained out" of the dog. Upon arrival to a new home, it will take an Anatolian about 2 to 3 weeks to adjust to the sounds that surround its new home. Even after the Anatolian has settled into its new home, it will bark, if a threat is perceived.
- 10. Have you ever owned any other large working breeds (if so, what kind)?
- 11. If you move from your current property, will you take the dog with you?
- 12. Will you pick up your puppy, or will you arrange for shipping?
- 13. Shipping (if applicable). We will ship puppies from Sacramento International Airport. To which airport will the puppy be shipped?
- 14. Have you ever had to return a dog to a breeder or re-home one of your dogs? If so, why?

## TRAINING:

Puppy socialization and obedience are absolutely necessary with Companion, Family or Service dogs. We also recommend socialization of the Working livestock guardian, to humans. We recommend that an Anatolian always be held on leash, when out in public, or in a training environment. Also, do not expect to command a recall on an Anatolian, as 6,000+ years of working independently form human intervention, has created an extremely independent dog.

Proper training is also very important with livestock working dogs. The adolescent dog may play "chase", so the dog must be supervised and corrected, when necessary, with livestock. A young puppy cannot be left alone in a pasture, with livestock.

- Sign this form and complete the information, requested below.
- Provide three references (including your vet).
- Return the completed form to us.

Thank you for considering a Rare Breeds Ranch Anatolian Shepherd Dog.

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Name:
Mailing Address:
Home Address:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
Cell Phone:
E-mail Address:
REFERENCES:
1. (Your Vet)
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Signature:

**Additional Comments:** 

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